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James P. Hutton
Magistrate Judge

Education: U Washington 1972 BA; Gonzaga 1976 JD
Began Service: January 2008
Term Expires: January 2016

Judicial: Judge, Yakima County Superior Court, County of Yakima,
Washington (1996-2007)

Profession: Attorney, Private Practice (1976-1996)

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Lauri Boyd** (509) 573-6670
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Number of Judgeships: 3

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Frank L. Kurtz
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Gonzaga 1974 JD
Began Service: 2005
Term Expires: 2019

Judicial: Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Chantelle Sliman** (509) 576-6122

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Patricia C. Williams
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Gonzaga JD
Began Service: July 14, 1997
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges;
Washington Women Lawyers

Staff

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John A. Rossmessl
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD
Began Service: 1987

Staff

Law Clerk (Vacant) (509) 454-5633
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United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

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Number of Judgeships: 8

Number of Vacancies: 0

Areas Covered: Counties of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor,
Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan,
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Robert S. Lasnik
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;
U Washington 1978 JD
Began Service: December 2, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Lecturer, School of Law, University of Washington (1980)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal
Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy
Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington
(1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King,
Washington (1983-1990)

Judicial: Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

Current Memberships: Washington State Bar Association

Staff

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Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB
Began Service: February 20, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Director, Federal Judicial Center

Academic: Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,
State of Washington (1969-1977)

Judicial: Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge,
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
(1987-1994)

Legal Practice: Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

Current Memberships: American Association of Justice; American
Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association;
American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; King County Bar
Association; Massachusetts Bar Association, Inc.; National Association of
Women Judges; Washington State Bar Association

Staff

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Education: Missouri 1961 BS

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Marsha J. Pechman
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD
Began Service: October 4, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Instructor and Staff Attorney, School of Law, University of
Washington (1979-1981); Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of
Washington (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of Puget
Sound (1986-1987)

Clerkships: Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston Legal
Services (1975-1976)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney,
County of King, Washington (1976-1979)

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court (1988-1999)

Legal Practice: Associate, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland &
Horowitz (1981-1986); Partner, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan,
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Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; King County Bar
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Education: UC Davis 1977 JD

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Ronald B. Leighton
District Judge

Date of Birth: May 30, 1951
Education: Whitworth 1973 BA; Hastings 1976 JD
Began Service: November 26, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Partner, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson &
Daheim L.L.P. (1976-2002)

Staff

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U Puget Sound 1987 JD

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